AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A personal articles tracking system comprising: a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader coupled to a tracking processor;

a data store configured to store tag data from corresponding RFID tags; and,

an alert programmed to activate when said tracking processor no longer can sense within range of said RFID reader an RFID tag having corresponding tag data stored in said data store,

wherein

the tracking processor provides for the selection of a sub-set of registered RFID tags, and

the alert is programmed to activate upon not all of said selected sub-set of said registered

RFID tags having been sensed,

said tracking processor, RFID reader and alert are disposed in a pervasive device, and

said alert having a communicative linkage to an audiovisual presentation layer provided

by said pervasive device.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said alert further comprises programming

to activate when said tracking processor no longer can sense within range of said RFID reader a

specific RFID tag.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking personal articles comprising the steps of:

registering a plurality RFID tags in an inventory or tracked personal articles;

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sensing a plurality of proximate RFID tags;

comparing said sensed proximate RFID tags to said registered RFID tags; and,

producing an alert where not all of said registered RFID tags have been sensed, wherein said producing step includes the steps of

selecting a sub-set of said registered RFID tags, and

producing an alert wherein not all of said selected sub-set of said registered RFID tags have been sensed,

accessing a communications layer in a pervasive device, and,

generating a cellular telephone call through said communications layer to a predetermined third-party to notify said third party that not all of said registered RFID tags have been sensed.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said selecting step comprises the steps of:

establishing a set of profiles, each profile in said set comprising at least one identifier for a corresponding RFID tag;

selecting a profile from among said established set of profiles; and, including in said sub-set all RFID tags established within said selected profile.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled)

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10. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program for tracking personal articles, the computer program comprising a routine set of instructions for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

registering a plurality RFID tags in an inventory or tracked personal articles;
sensing a plurality of proximate RFID tags;
comparing said sensed proximate RFID tags to said registered RFID tags; and,
producing an alert where not all of said registered RFID tags have been sensed, wherein
said producing step includes the steps of

selecting a sub-set of said registered RFID tags, and producing an alert wherein not all of said selected sub-set of said registered RFID tags have been sensed,

accessing a communications layer in a pervasive device, and,
generating a cellular telephone call through said communications layer to a predetermined third-party to notify said third party that not all of said registered RFID tags
have been sensed.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage of claim 10, wherein said selecting step comprises the steps of:

establishing a set of profiles, each profile in said set comprising at least one identifier for a corresponding RFID tag;

selecting a profile from among said established set of profiles; and,

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including in said sub-set all RFID tags established within said selected profile.

Claims 13-14 (Cancelled)